not required to indicate their income, hence, the information sought is not available with the collecting offices.

Sambalpur-Rourkela Stretch of National Highway

5931. KUMARI FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pace of improvement work on the Sambalpur Rourkela stretch of National Highway is very slow;

(b) if so, the steps the Government propose to take to expedite the work; and

(c) the time schedule fixed for its completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT(SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c). Sambalpur-Rourkela route is not a National Highway, but a part of the state Road system. As such Government of this road is included in the Second Road Improvement Project under Asian Development Bank assistance for which loan has been signed. Tenders for execution of the work have already been received by the state Government and are under evaluation. After award, the project is expected to be completed within four years.

Outflow of Foreign Exchange

5932. SHRI DEBPROSAD PAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued some directions to check the outflow of foreign exchange from the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the outflow of foreign exchange during 1991-92 as compared to 1990-91; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to further reduce the outflow of foreign exchange particularly a check on foreign visits of government officials?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). The Reserve Bank of India has issued a number of circular mainly affecting imports to check outflow of foreign exchange. The import compression measures included cash margin requirements, restrictions on sale of foreign exchange for import of capital goods, centralised approval by the Reserve Bank of India, etc.

(c) The outflow of foreign exchange on account of imports during the financial year between April, 1991 to January,1992 was Rs.38,531 crores ($ 15929 million), compared to Rs.35,890 crores ($ 20249 million) during the corresponding period last year.

(d) The foreign visits by Government officials are permitted only when these are considered absolutely necessary with particular reference to trade, aid and foreign policy. Instructions have been issued to all the Ministries/Departments to apply a cut of 20% in their foreign travel Budget for the current financial year.

Per Capita Availability of Cloth

5933. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLAYA GAVIT:

SHRI BAPU HARI CHAURE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita availability of cloth in the country particularly in Maharashtra before the commencement of Fifth Five Year Plan period;